

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE Northern District of Illinois – CM/ECF NextGen 1.8 (rev. 1.8.3)
Eastern Division**

Christopher Howe

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No.: 1:19–cv–01374

Honorable Edmond E. Chang

Speedway LLC, et al.

Defendant.

NOTIFICATION OF DOCKET ENTRY

This docket entry was made by the Clerk on Thursday, July 10, 2025:

MINUTE entry before the Honorable Edmond E. Chang: In–person motion hearing held on 07/10/2025 on the motion [205] for preliminary approval. (1.) As discussed on the record, the Court inquired about the threshold of uncashed checks for triggering a second round of distribution. As currently proposed, the amount is \$350,000 or more to trigger a second round, which could lead to a very substantial amount of funds left undistributed and going to a cy pres instead. Indeed, \$350,000 divided by 7,697 class members is \$45.47, which is substantial. And of course a second round would be consist of fewer than 7,697 members (by definition, the mailing would go to a subset of the 7,697), so the per–member amount would be more than that. The other side of the ledger is, of course, administration costs and attorney time. But the estimated \$11,000 it would cost to administer a second round is a relatively tiny fraction of the potential \$350,000. So the Court directed the parties to bring down the second–round trigger so that the per–member recovery during a second round would be around \$30. The parties shall file a joint supplement today setting forth the new trigger. (2.) With that modification, the motion for preliminary approval of the class action settlement [205] is granted. As detailed during the hearing, Rule 23(a), 23(b)(3), and 23(e) requirements have all been met. A separate order will be posted on the docket. (3.) The final approval hearing is set for 10/21/2025 at 12:15 p.m. in Courtroom 2341. Mailed notice. (jn,)

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